



MINUTES OF
PreK - 5 English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum Adoption Committee
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48
Mohave District Annex (MDA) 8500 E. Jackrabbit Rd., Scottsdale AZ 85258

Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:06 PM by Diane Murphy.

Attendance

Present: Julie Ballard, Jennifer Bethke, Candy Bloch, Mahlaima Boemark, Remi Braca, Sheena Byerley, Tyler Cary, Amanda Chilcher, Pat Collofello, Lindsey Denny, Kim Dodds Keran, Alison Ellis, Jennifer Fox, Liz Gardemann, Briana Gillette, Beth Greene, Emma Goetz, Nicole Hamilton, Colleen Harrison, Kaia Hart, Christopher Hodo, Katie Honeycutt, Samantha Janka, Sarah Prado, Dede Johnston, Keri Katz, Cherie Kujawa, Magdalin Leonardo, Mickaela Leopold, Amber Lindsey, Patty Malley, Brianna Maxwell, Diane Murphy, Briana Reed, Kendall Regan, Cathay Skinner, Lori Soble, Linda Tardie, Raquel Thomas, Meghan Tipton, Jesse Torres, Nichole Viderman, Michelle Woulfe.

Absent: Christine Bonow, Sarah Dorn, Shelley Pappas, Kate Russo, Sarah Yaron

Information/Discussion and Possible Action Items

1. Welcome and Introductions

Diane Murphy, PreK - 5 ELA Coach

- Talked about the folder and the agenda that was handed out to each committee member.
- Introductions of all committee members were completed.

2. Purpose and Outcomes

Diane Murphy, PreK - 5 ELA Coach

- The committee's goals were connected to the District's Strategic Plan; Goal #1, Academic Excellence, and Goal #5, Optimized Resources.
- The committee's purpose is to review, evaluate, and recommend quality and appropriate textbooks and instructional resources for approval by the district Governing Board.
- The committee's outcomes will be: learning about current best practices in literacy instruction; learning about Arizona laws and standards; analyzing literacy data; developing a rubric criteria to be used to review, evaluate textbooks and

resources submitted by vendors, and make a recommendation to the Governing Board for approval and adoption.

3. Open Meeting Law, Public Records, and Conflict of Interest.

Dr. Kim Dodds Keran, Director of Teaching and Learning

- Talked about several Arizona State statutes in regard to Open Meeting Law. ARS 15-721, ARS 15-722, Public Records ARS 39-121 and Conflict of Interest ARS 38-503. Timelines for posting of agendas and meeting minutes on the district website were discussed.
- Conflict of Interest forms were passed out, signed by committee members and collected by Diane (Dede) Johnston.

4. Committee Norms and Expectations

Diane Murphy, PreK- 5 ELA Coach

- The committee reviewed and approved the proposed norms for conduct at meetings. *Accountable Talk Stems* were shared and encouraged to use during meetings.
- Information was provided in regard to Consensus Decision Making. Consensus is an acceptable resolution for the group that all members of the committee can support even if it is not the first choice of an individual. All points of view have been heard. The will of the group is evident even to those who most oppose it.

5. Committee Timeline

Diane Murphy, PreK - 5 ELA Coach

- The historical timeline was shown of past ELA adoptions from 2014 to the present. A question was asked as to why there was a change in 2020 to grade 3? Answer: MOWR law requires a Grade 3 core curriculum aligned to ARS 15-704.
- Proposed timeline was discussed; the adoption will happen in two phases.
 - Phase 1: February 1, 2023 - March 8, 2023.
 - Phase 2: August 23, 2023 - October 4, 2023.
- Professional development will begin to take place during spring 2024 with full implementation of the new adoption to begin Fall of 2024.

6. Criteria for Vendor Letters

Diane Murphy, PreK - 5 ELA Coach

- The criteria for the Vendor Letter needs to be completed by March 8, 2023. Dede Johnston will email the letters to the potential vendors on July 10, 2023. Vendors interested in participating need to respond by July 24, 2023. All sample materials need to be delivered by August 11, 2023. Materials will be on public display at Laguna Elementary School for 60 days, starting on August 21, 2023.

7. Arizona Legislation about English Language Arts

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- ARS 15-721 is the statute used for textbook adoptions.
- **Move On When Reading** ARS 15-704, ARS 15-211, HB2026, ARS 15-701 and HB 2495 were all talked about. Table groups discussed their thoughts on the laws and bills.

8. Arizona ELA Standards

Diane Murphy, PreK - 5 ELA Coach

- Members were shown how to read the AZ ELA Standards. Printouts of the K-5 ELA standards were reviewed and members were asked to review the ELA standards for grades K-5.
- Committee members participated in a “Standards Scavenger Hunt” activity.
- Table groups made lists of what the new ELA curriculum should include based on the standards and laws; they gave their prioritized list to Diane Murphy.

9. Future Meetings:

Diane Murphy, PreK- 5 ELA Coach

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 4:00 - 6:00 PM MDA

Focus: Research and Evidence-based practices

Monday, February 13

Tuesday, February 21

Tuesday, February 28

Wednesday, March 8

Suggested article to read: “*Science of Reading; Defining Guide*”, by The Reading League

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Dated this day, February 1, 2023